

THE NEAREST CARPENTIER WANTS TO GET TO DEMPSEY OR WILLARD IS THE HEADLINES

NO CHANCE TO LURE GEORGES CARPENTIER AWAY FROM FRANCE

French Idol, Overrated, Doesn't Like to Meet Top-notchers and Is Satisfied to Oppose Outsiders at Home, Says Joe Borrell

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

GEORGES CARPENTIER is just as close to a match with Jess Willard now as he ever will be. The French champion will remain in his beloved country and do some boxing there, but a trip across the ocean is out of the question. Georges is taking no chances on foreign soil.

This information was handed us by Joe Borrell, chief machinist's mate, United States navy, who recently returned from France. Joe boxed some of the heavyweights over there and absorbed lots of chatter regarding the Parisian pugilist.

"I didn't see Carpentier on this trip," said Joe, "but from what I heard from those who did see him, Georges is about through as a championship contender. He has been through the war and the long layoff affected his skill. The French people don't believe it, however, and imagine he still is good enough to beat any man in the world.

"Georges is the idol of France. He attracts more attention than the President, and when he enters a theatre or cafe every one arises to pay their respects. He certainly is a big man over there and does not have to travel to another country to gain fresh laurels. He will stick around Paris, meet as many soft ones as possible and make more money than Willard. Carpentier always packs the house, for he is the greatest draw in card in Europe.

"The funny part of it all," continued Joe, "is that Georges never has beaten a good man. His victories over Bombardier Wells mean nothing, for the Englishman was trimmed on several occasions. But he never has won from a high-class American boxer, being knocked out by Bobby Scanlan, the negro; Billy Dabie and Frank Klaus. He would be a joke against Willard or Dempsey.

"CARPENTIER knows this, and for that reason will remain at home. I doubt if he would fight a good man even if the match was held in Paris. There are too many second-rate to be disposed of, and those victories will satisfy the public.

No Chance to Lure Carpentier From France

"MANY attempts have been made to get the Frenchman away from his old haunts, but none was successful. I remember once he was offered \$50,000 and all expenses to go to Australia, but he turned it down. The promoter offered to ship Carpentier's three automobiles, his wife and servants, but there was nothing doing. In fact, it is hard to get the big boxer to cross the English Channel. He wants to stay at home."

George Engel, matchmaker of the Olympia and former manager of Frank Klaus, says Carpentier is a great drawing card, but also has his doubts about his leaving France to box in this country. Engel is one of the few men who have seen Georges in action, for he accompanied Klaus the night the Frenchman was knocked out in the nineteenth round.

"Carpentier looks more like an actor than a fighter," said Engel. "He always is dressed in the most fashionable clothes and is very careful about his appearance. He also has something to say about the appearance of his opponents, and that almost started a premature scrap between him and Klaus.

"About five days before every fight Klaus used to let his whiskers grow, and when the big night came around he had a beautiful crop of bristles. These bristles were very effective in clinches. Well, on the day we weighed in Carpentier appeared, all dressed up, his face massaged and looking like a fresh college kid. He even wore spats, and a stranger never would have believed he was a fighter. Klaus, on the other hand, wore old clothes that hadn't been pressed for a month, a sweater, his hair disheveled and that crop of whiskers. Instead of looking like a man about to engage in an important boxing match, he had every appearance of a guy about to crack a safe.

"Carpentier and his manager, Des Champs, were indignant and spluttered in French that Klaus should be shaved and manicured. We didn't know what they were talking about and let them rave. Finally I told them to get out and used some English language which was understood by all. That almost caused a riot and both Carpentier and his manager swept out of the room, declaring the match was off unless a barber worked on Klaus for about an hour.

"FINALLY I had things up and Frank was allowed to wear his whiskers in the ring that night. Carpentier did some clever boxing, but was no match for Klaus and took the count in the thirteenth round after getting a terrific laceration. Carpentier never would meet Klaus after that."

Coombs Well Pleas'd With Charlotte Camp

JACK COOMBS is perfectly satisfied with the selection of Charlotte, N. C., as a training camp for the Phillies this year. The new manager made a thorough search for a suitable spot, and says the North Carolina town is the best.

"I looked up weather reports for the last ten years," said Coombs, "and found there was little rainfall in March and April. The temperature is near summer heat in the middle of the day, and that is when we will train. The players will be in good shape when they come North."

"The Phillies will be an interesting ball club this season, judging from the present outlook. I am not making predictions about winning the pennant but I say we will have a wonderful team, but, take it from me, we will play interesting baseball and give a good account of ourselves.

"I am trying to strengthen the club as much as possible, and if I put through a couple of deals I am working on the fans will be surprised. I know I have a hard job in front of me, but I will work all the harder. I like every man on the club personally and we will get along well together. We will get better acquainted in Charlotte."

Coombs will introduce some new ideas at the training camp. Hereafter the men have practiced twice a day, starting at 10:30 a. m. and working until noon and working again from 1:30 until 4 p. m. Program was necessary down in St. Petersburg because of the heat, but in Charlotte only one workout will be held each day. Jack will force his men in uniform at 12:30 and the practice will last about three hours. After the first week, when the men have worked out the winter kinks, the pitchers and catchers will do some work in the morning.

When the Phils get back home Coombs intends to have a dog show. In the past the home team roamed back of First base, but the new boss believes the spot behind third base is better.

COOMBS will not do any picking this year. He says he will work as an active ball player and will devote all of his time to coaching. He has coach pickup money, with Dickson, Jinks, Thump, Watson, Hays, Pendergrass and Packard. Rags Berry also may return.

Walter Lawrence Enters With Boost for Baird

THE trade which brought Douglas Baird, the Carlisle third baseman, to the Phils has been widely discussed, and a few believe the move was for the worst of the deal. One staunch supporter of the move, however, has appeared, however, in Walter Lawrence, the actor, who is on his journey at the moment. Lawrence is a rabid baseball fan and never misses a game.

"I have watched Baird for the last three years," said Walter, "and liked him playing from the first. He looked good when he was with Pittsburgh, played wonderful baseball with St. Louis, and I bought an exceptional season with the Phils. Jack Coombs did not get the worst of the trade, because Baird will deliver from the very first day. Just keep an eye on that boy and see if I am not right."

Frank Baker Hasn't Signed With Upland

FRANK BAKER, the swifter of home runs and other extra base hits, denies that he has signed a contract to play with the Upland team of the Delaware County League. Furthermore, he wishes it to be known that he is not using the Upland team as a medium to get more of the national currency from the New York Yankees. This information was contained in a letter received by a friend in New York. He makes no threat of retirement or any great demands. He mentions the new features of baseball which he always has demanded, that of traveling. Contracts for the Yankees were placed in the mail today.

EVERYTHING considered, this looks like a great year for the local tennis players. The annual meeting of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association will be held tomorrow at the Hotel Walton. Officers will be elected and it is virtually assured that all the pre-war sanctioned tournaments will be restored. Players will be gratified to hear that the Schuylkill Valley, the Delaware State and the South Jersey championships will be staged this season.



JOHNNY TILLMAN RETURNS TO CITY

Western Boy Accompanies Manager Taylor East After Malone Battle

MAY MEET WHITE SOON

Johnny Tillman is in the East again. The slugging westerner returned to the city yesterday, having scored and bagged. Johnny is going to make a prolonged stay, and plans to make this city his home.

He is still in the management of Herman Taylor, and says he is not to take on all the big ones.

This is Johnny's first visit here since he departed last May for his twenty-round bout with Ted (Kid) Lewis in Denver. Following that engagement Johnny returned to his home in Minneapolis. He exhibited in the ring last summer and was in the service until last December, when he received his honorable discharge.

Tillman's last battle was against Jack Malone in Minneapolis Friday, 1918. He won by a knockout in the tenth round. He has since been successful in several bouts, and is now in the management of Herman Taylor.

Johnny is expected to start training Monday at Jack O'Brien's gymnasium. He is expected to meet Malone in a future bout, and it is expected that he will be in the ring with White in the near future.

Manager Taylor, who accompanied Tillman last, stepped in Chicago on Tuesday and yesterday clinched a match with White.

Scrap About Scrappers

SIMILAR JEREMIAH BRYAN has a reputation for being a scrapping member of the House of Representatives. He has been in the House since 1890, and has been a member of the House for 29 years.

He is now in the House, and is expected to be in the House for many years to come. He is a member of the House, and is expected to be in the House for many years to come.

Amateur Cage Comment

Wardner B. C., a cage boss of South Philadelphia, has been in the news lately. He is a cage boss, and is expected to be in the news for many years to come.

Star basketball

A star basketball player, who has been in the news lately, is expected to be in the news for many years to come.

Adventures Club

The Adventures Club, a group of young men, has been in the news lately. They are a group of young men, and are expected to be in the news for many years to come.

Palace Rink

The Palace Rink, a skating rink, has been in the news lately. It is a skating rink, and is expected to be in the news for many years to come.

West Phila. Hasn't Lost a Meet to Local Schools

Speedboys Have Clean Record in Dual Contests Since 1913—Have Won Several Interscholastics

CREDIT DUE ANTHONY

With this year's team one of the best that ever has represented that orange and black institution in the tank there seems but little danger that the wonderful swimming record of the West Philadelphia High School will be broken.

Since the organization of the high school across the river, in 1913, the speedboys have yet to meet defeat from one of the local high schools. Much of the credit for this wonderful showing is due to Irwin Anthony, the former University of Pennsylvania speed king, who has had charge of the West Philly team.

Anthony developed a team that won the University of Pennsylvania interscholastic in 1914 and 1915 and the interscholastic interscholastics in 1917 and 1918. The relay team of 1916—Lindsay, Kessler, Greene and Allen—set a new interscholastic record for the Penn. pool. The relay team of Hotel, Cooney, Greene and Bechtel hold the record for the 400-foot relay at Swarthmore.

This season the team has continued its fine work. Starting the year without the services of Cooney Anthony, who at that time was in the service, the team under captain Vic Hotel easily defeated Central High, Girard College and St. Lukes.

Star Sprinters In Captain Vic Hotel and Tom Cowell, West Philly is represented by two of the best interscholastic sprinters in the East. They are veterans of two years' experience and have scored many points. They are expected to add many more in the coming season.

The 200-yard dash the team has won at Girard, and the 100-yard dash the team has won at St. Lukes, are expected to be in the news for many years to come.

Higher, a freshman, Bracken and Winkler have been among the good forms that will be expected of them. Higher, a veteran, takes care of the 100-yard dash and Bracken, two new forms, will be doing around sixty feet in the 100-yard dash.

Harvard Begins Formal Crew Work

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 25.—With William Hines officially appointed coach the Harvard crew will begin formal indoor training at once it was learned today. Practice will begin on the Charles River in April.

Pal Moran Beats Young Erne

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—Pal Moran, of New Orleans, was given a fifteen-round match here Monday night.

Jim Heigan Mustered Out

New York, Jan. 25.—Jim Heigan has been honorably discharged James Heigan, of Boston, from the service.

Rauscher Gets Discharge

Former Elliott-Lewis Center Released From Navy Joe Rauscher, the former center on the Elliott-Lewis basketball team of the Industrial League, has just received his discharge from the service. Rauscher enlisted in the navy over a year ago. He is in the shape and anxious to get back into the game. He is considering an offer from a member of the shipyard League.

Lieut. Joe Yates at Monte Carlo

Lieutenant Joe Yates, former St. Joseph's and Penn. basketball and baseball star, writes from France that he is anxiously awaiting his return to the United States. "Am spending a leave down here in Nice and Monte Carlo. When I get back to my regiment I guess it will be of about January 15th. I'll be home in Philadelphia, and I'll be 100 percent healthy."

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NAVY YARD LEAGUE STARTS PLAY FRIDAY

Poth Claims Title for Training Camp Quintet Before Season Begins—Yeatley Assistant to Dickson

SIX-WEEK SCHEDULE

By EDWIN J. POLLOCK

THE new basketball league at the navy yard has been organized at last and the first game of the season will be staged at the Recreation Center Friday night. By Dickson, the assistant director of League Island, has been working on the organization for some time, but ran into a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the enlisted men.

It was Dickson's idea to get the league going immediately after the football season, but the wholesale discharge of the enlisted men created an adverse attitude toward sports. This has been overcome, however, and since most of the sailors and marines are anxious to see athletics in full swing.

A cup has been donated by Spalding's, and the winner this year will be given permanent possession of the trophy. The league is composed of six teams—the supply department, naval training camp, hospital, marines, recreation center and Idaho. Two games will be held weekly, and the schedule will run through to the middle of March.

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